(b) The amount allocated and disbursed in this regard during the last three years is as under:

(Rupees in lakh)

Year	Amount allocated	Amount released
1997-98	885.00	668.98
1998-99	1160.00	267.30
1999-2000	656.00	216.55(as on 29.2.2000)

(c) Grants released to Government of Rajasthan under the scheme during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Amount released (Rupees in lakhs)
1997-98	8.21
1998-99	5.21
1999-2000	5.59 (as on 29.2.2000)

Youth Hostels

†1198. SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be plased to state:

(a) the total number of Youth Hostels established in the country alongwith the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether Government are of the view that the objective for which "Youth Hostels' were established has been fulfilled;

(c) the annual expenditure incurred thereon every year for running these hostels;

(d) whether any plan has been sanctioned for the constrution of Youth Hostel in Ajmer; and

(e) if so, what is the present status?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA): (a) Total number of Youth Hostels established in the country is 60. A statement indicating details, Statewise, is enclosed. (*See* below)

(b) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The Central Government meets only the recurring expenditure on the honorarium of Warden/Assistant Wardens which comes to Rupees three thousand per month for each Youth Hostel.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Central Government has approved, in principle, construction of a Youth Hostel in Ajmer. The State Government of Rajasthan has to submit the standard drawings and the cost estimates before financial sanction is issued.

Statement

S.No.	Name of State / UT	No. of Youth Hostels established
01.	Andhra Pradesh	3
02.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
03.	Assam	3
04.	Bihar	1
05.	Gujarat	1
06.	Haryana	4
07.	Himachal Pradesh	2
08.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
09.	Karnataka	3
10.	Kerala	3
11.	Maharashtra	1
12.	Manipur	2
13.	Meghalaya	2
14.	Madhya Pradesh	2
15.	Nagaland	2
16.	Mizoram	1
17.	Punjab	4
18.	Rajasthan	2
19.	Tamil Nadu	4
20.	Uttar Pradesh	4
21.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1
22.	West Bengal	3
23.	Pondicherry	1
24.	Tripura	1
25.	Orissa	4
26.	Goa	2
27.	Sikkim	1
	Total:	60